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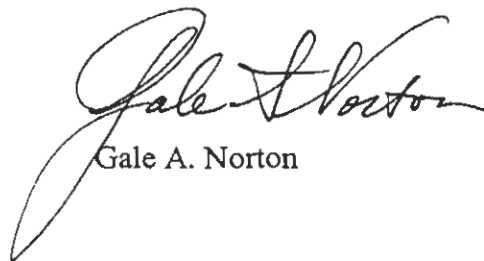
Dear Governor Guinn:

Enclosed is the Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for Colorado River System Reservoirs for 2003.

The AOP was prepared in consultation with representatives of the Governors of the Colorado River Basin States, Indian Tribes, the Upper Colorado River Commission, appropriate Federal agencies, and others interested in Colorado River operations, through meetings of the Colorado River Management Work Group. The Work Group completed consultations on September 19, 2002.

The AOP contains the projected plan of operation for the Colorado River reservoirs for 2003 based on most probable runoff conditions. The AOP reflects use of the reservoirs for all purposes consistent with the "Criteria for Coordinated Long-Range Operation of the Colorado River Reservoirs Pursuant to the Colorado River Basin Project Act of September 30, 1968." The Plan will be modified if necessary as the year progresses. The Bureau of Reclamation will keep representatives of the Colorado River Basin States, Indian Tribes, and other appropriate entities informed of any changes in the 2003 operating plan through the Work Group.

Sincerely,



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